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SUBJ: RESEARCH CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR R/V CHAIN CRUISE NO.

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1. EMBASSY HAS JUST SEEN REFTEL A (WE WERE NOT AN ADDRESSEE) WHICH PROVIDES INFORMATION ON VOYAGE OF WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE (WHOI) RESEARCH VESSEL IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA MAY 3-MAY 19, 1975. GIVEN GREAT SENSITIVITY OF BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS ON ALL ASPECTS AEGEAN PROBLEM AT PRESENT, WE FEEL WE SHOULD APPRISE THE GOG OF THIS VESSEL'S CRUISE, INCLUDING AS MANY DETAILS AS POSSIBLE RELATING TO THAT PORTION OR ANY ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED IN THE AEGEAN. FACT THAT ANOTHER RESEARCH VESSEL, THE "GLOMAR CHALLENGER" (REFTEL C), WILL BE IN AEGEAN AREA ABOUT SAME TIME EMPHASIZES NECESSITY TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE TO GREEKS ON DETAILS ALL SUCH CRUISES IN ORDER TO PREVENT OR ALLAY ILL-FOUNDED SUSPICIONS AND FEARS.

2. FOLLOWING SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS REQUESTED: (1) WILL PLANKTON TOWS (PARA 1 REFTEL A) BE PERFORMED WITHIN SEA OF MARMARA OR IN AEGEAN? (IF IN AEGEAN, PLEASE GIVE COORDINATES.)

(2) WILL SEDIMENT CORES (PARA 2 REFTEL A) BE TAKEN WITHIN
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AEGEAN AREA? (AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ANYTHING RESUMBLING

"DRILLING OPERATION" IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE HERE.)

(3) WHAT OTHER SPECIFIC PROJECTS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN
AEGEAN AREA (COORDINATES FOR SUCH PROJECTS WOULD BE MOST
HELPFUL)?

3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT TURKISH OBSERVERS ARE WELCOME TO
PARTICIPATE IN CRUISE (PARA 3 REFTTEL A). DOES THIS
INVITATION REFER ONLY TO PORTION OF CRUISE FROM MOUTH OF
DARDENELLES EASTWARD OR FOR ENTIRE ITINERARY, I.E. ISTANBUL
TO CADIZ? IF LATTER IS THE CASE, WOULD GREEK OBSERVERS
ALSO BE WELCOME?

4. EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BEING
KEPT INFORMED ON OPERATIONS OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION SHIPS IN
AEGEAN (REFTTEL B). WE WISH REITERATE THIS REQUEST AND
AMPLOY IT TO INCLUDE NOTIFICATION REGARDING ALL RESEARCH
ENDEAVORS, ONGOING AND PLANNED, IN THIS AREA (EVEN OF
"TRANSIT" NATURE) IN LIGHT OF SENSITIVITIES AND CONCERNS
FELT BY GREEKS REGARDING ANY ACTIVITIES THIS NATURE IN AEGEAN.
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